1	2	3	4	5
32.	Tripura	0	0	7
33.	Uttar Pradesh	262	552	1252
34.	Uttaranchal	14	52	82
35.	West Bengal	146	287	510
	TOTAL	14244	32281	50417

Focus on elders under NRHM

2091. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has any specific initiative to address the health problems of the elders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) provides a platform for interventions in the health sector, based on the priorities of the State Governments concerned. While there is a National Policy on Elder Persons (1999) and Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007, there is no national programme for the health care of the elderly at present.

Conversion of a public medical college to a self-finance college

2092. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware about conversion of the N.H. Municipal Medical College in the campus of V.S. Hospital Ahmedabad, from public medical college to self-finance college to be managed by the Trust of a political party; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to protect the poor students of Ahmedabad city in particular and Gujarat in general?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) As per information provided by the State Government of Gujarat, Smt. NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad is managed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Medical Education Trust and not by a political party. Subsidy in tuition fee is given to the local students at the time of admission.

Exorbitant prices of drugs

2093. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: